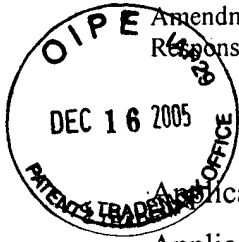


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Dear Sir:

Applicant previously paid \$225.00 to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005 for two months from September 16, 2005 to November 16, 2005. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005 for an additional month from November 16, 2005 to December 16, 2005. Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$285.00 (representing the difference between the fee for a three-month extension of time and the fee previously paid) to cover the cost of the additional one-month extension.

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